



Public Works Department  
Sanitary Services Division  
Industrial Pretreatment Section  
Complaint/Report Form

Date 08/06/98

Report From:

- ☒ Citizen  
☐ Public Information Office  
☐ Health Department  
☐ Fire Department  
☐ Mo. Dept. Of Natural Resources  
☐ Other

Received By: Karl Barke-Health Dept.-Air Quality  
Referred To: Randy Lyman-Public Works-Wastewater  
Date of Incident: Within last two weeks.

Complainant Information:

Name: Ms. Patti Naab  
Address: 3033-B S. Manley  
Phone: 890-8399  
Directions(if needed):

Responsible Party Information:

Name: Pump Handle Snack Shop  
Address: 3106 W. Battlefield  
Phone: 887-5405

Possible contamination of: ☐ sanitary sewer ☒ storm drainage ☐ groundwater  
☒ surface water Location: Runoff from impervious surface of driveway and lot.  
Other pertinent information:

Who to contact:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mo. Dept. of Natural Resources 417-891-4300(Regional Office) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City/Greene Co. Health Dept. 864-1664 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mo. Dept. of Natural Resources 573-634-2436(Emergencies only)           | <input type="checkbox"/> City Sewer Cleaning 864-1923                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mo. Dept. of Natural Resources 573-751-7929(Response office)            | <input type="checkbox"/> City Sewer Repair 864-1923                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 913-281-0991                       | <input type="checkbox"/> City Street Division 864-1965                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Fire Department 864-1500   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemtrec 1-800-424-9300                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Police Department 864-1708   | <input type="checkbox"/> National Response Center 1-800-424-8802          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Utilities 831-8311   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |

**Details of Incident:** Complainant says convenience store and car wash at Golden and Battlefield are "dumping" something that kills grass up to 200 feet away from property.

**Action needed:** Make a field inspection and contact neighbors or other agencies for any clues for cause of problem.



ZAC HAMILTON  
GENERAL MANAGER

PUMP HANDLE  
3106 WEST BATTLEFIELD  
SPRINGFIELD, MO 65807

PH. (417) 887-5405

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File by street address: 3106 W. Battlefield

## Investigation Results

On Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup> I made a field inspection at 3106 and 3146 W. Battlefield and in the back yards of 3127 W. Raynell and 3033 S. Manley. A almost complete kill of the grasses and broadleaf weeds was observed in the back lawns of the duplexes on Manley. It appears that something like gasoline, diesel, hydraulic fluid, or even a herbicide has been washed off of the Pump Handle lot at their extreme southwest corner, and ultimately across the Manley addresses back yards. I would say that normally there is no noticeable defined drainage across these lawns, but now it is very easy to see where stormwater runoff crosses these lawns. Wherever the unknown substance crossed these lawns the vegetation is almost completely killed. I talked with Ms. Naab at 3033-B, the complainant, and she said it was first noticeable about ten days to two weeks ago before it started raining. Ms. Naab said it first killed the grass along a narrow path of drainage across the lawns and appeared to progressively get wider after each rain event. She thought it smelled like creosote to her. I could not honestly say that I could identify the smell in these lawns. It kind of smelled like diesel, but somewhat like an herbicide as well to me. I contacted the General Manager of the Pump Handle, Zac Hamilton, and showed him the problem as well. He said he had no idea what the cause or substance could be. He had no knowledge of a pump knock-down or hose break, or any type of a release of gasoline or diesel. He indicated that they do not have their lot washed down periodically. There was not indication to me of any sign of a release or spill of any kind on their lot. The lot of the Ye Olde Buggy Bath car wash at 3146 W. Battlefield joins the Pump Handle on the west. It appears that although they share a drive through at the south side of the properties, that the car wash drainage goes to the west and does not transverse the lawns with the problem. The Pump Handle is inside the Springfield City limits, the car wash and 3127 W. Raynell and 3033 S. Manley are in Greene County.

8/7/98- I called Kayla Meier at 911 and she could find no information leading to any kind of Fire Dept. dispatch or other call near Golden and Battlefield within the last two or three weeks. I got the same answer from Greene County Sheriff/Fire dispatch. I talked with an attendant at the car wash and he had no knowledge of a spill or incident on their property or next door. Julie Bennett of Ye Olde Buggy Bath talked with her brother Mike Goodwin and they had no helpful information either.

The problem appears to have no affect on or relation to the POTW or sanitary sewer system.

I will forward a copy of this report and an attached informational map indicating my findings to Jim Fry of the Springfield/Greene County Health Dept-Environmental Section and a copy to the local Mo. Dept. of Natural Resources Dept. office for further investigation if they deem it necessary.



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West City Limit

BATTLEFIELD

Ye Olde Buggy Bath  
3146 W. Battlefield

Pump<sup>1</sup>Handle Snack Shop  
3106 W. Battlefield

Extent of dead grass  
in back yards of duplexes

RAYNELL ST.

PARK

THRESHOLD RAINWATER DRAINAGE

RAYNELL ST.

AVE

MONTCLAIR

MONTCLAIR ST.

MANLEY

GOLDEN

GOLDEN

3104

3148

EDIE ST



# interoffice

## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** 3106 W. Battlefield file

**From:** J. Randall Lyman, Pretreatment Coordinator

**Subject:** Complaint-killed grass in back yards

**Date:** August 10, 1998

**CC:** Ed Malter, Bob Schaefer, file ✓

Danny Dunlap, construction inspector, Greene County Highway Dept., 831-3591, returned a call as requested by Gary Deering on Friday, and said he had no knowledge of any incident associated with the widening of Battlefield and Golden intersection project that could be related to the apparent spill behind the Pump Handle. He will ask the workers on the project today and will call if any information is obtained.